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Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting a telephone interview to discuss the application. During the interview, there was an agreement in principle that, if language consistent with the last three lines of paragraph 223 of the subject application were added to claim 1, claim 1 would not be subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S. patent no. 6,037,934 to Himmel et al. The Examiner, however, stated that she would need to see the actual language before determining if the claim was anticipated by Himmel et al.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite:

allowing navigation from said web page to a web page of a different domain up to a specified Navigation Boundary, said Navigation Boundary representing a number of domains away from said web page, substantially within which a user may navigate, and substantially beyond which a user may not navigate, and wherein said number of domains represented by the specified Navigation Boundary is at least one....

With this change, Applicant contends that claim 1 is no longer subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Himmel et al.

Broadly stated, Himmel et al. uses *white lists/approved sites* (Bookmark Sets) to determine the Web sites to which a user may navigate; and *black lists* to determine sites to which a user may not navigate. (See col. 6, line 65 through col. 7, line 24 and col. 10, lines 25-36). The use of white lists and blacklists to determine where a user may or may not navigate creates, as discussed in paragraphs 210 and 211, an unnatural browsing environment.

The subject invention, on the other hand, because it uses Navigation Boundaries to control navigation, retains a natural navigation boundary that is limited in scope. The use of Navigation Boundaries also allows the subject invention to be implemented more simply than the system disclosed by Himmel et al., as there is no need to generate or maintain Bookmark Sets.

Because Himmel et al. do not disclose or suggest this feature of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Himmel et al. Claims 2-8 depend from claim 1 and are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Himmel et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

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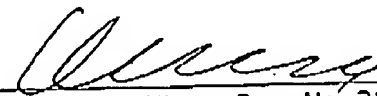
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Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Himmel et al. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection. As described above, Himmel et al. do not disclose or suggest at least one limitation of claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Himmel et al. Claims 9-16 depend from claim 1 and are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Himmel et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-16.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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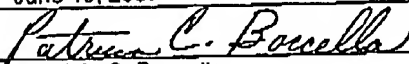
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